

State of Hawaii  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Youth Services

**Request for Proposals**

**HMS-501-15-04**

**Project-Based Cultural Programs  
Islands of Hawaii and Kauai**

April 17, 2015

**Note:** *It is the applicant's responsibility to check the public procurement notice website, the request for proposals website, or to contact the RFP point-of-contact identified in the RFP for any addenda issued to this RFP. The State shall not be responsible for any incomplete proposal submitted as a result of missing addenda, attachments or other information regarding the RFP.*

April 17, 2015

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**PROJECT BASED CULTURAL PROGRAMS FOR  
THE ISLAND OF HAWAII  
RFP No. HMS-501-15-04**

The Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services (OYS), is requesting proposals from qualified applicants to provide cultural based programs on the islands of Hawaii and Kauai. The contract term will be from October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Multiple contracts will be awarded under this request for proposals. Funding is subject to availability of funds and budget execution policies.

Proposals shall be mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or before June 5, 2015 and received no later than 10 days from the submittal deadline. Hand delivered proposals shall be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST), on May 27, 2015, at the drop-off sites designated on the Proposal Mail-in and Delivery Information Sheet. Deliveries by private mail services such as Federal Express (FedEX) and the United Postal Services (UPS) shall be considered hand deliveries. Proposals postmarked or hand delivered after the submittal deadline shall be considered late and rejected. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The Office of Youth Services will conduct an orientation on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. HST, at the following video conferencing locations:

Oahu	Kalanimoku Building 1151 Punchbowl Street Honolulu
Hawaii	Hilo State Office Building 75 Aupuni Street Hilo
Kauai	Lihue State Office Building 3060 Eiwa Street Lihue

All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the orientation.

The deadline for submission of written questions is 4:30 p.m., HST, on May 6, 2015. All written questions will receive a written response from the State which will be posted as an addendum to the RFP on or about May 13, 2015.

Inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to the RFP contact person:

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Children & Youth Program Specialist  
707 Richards Street (Suite 525)  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
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Fax (808) 587-5734  
E-mail: [ecaberto2@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:ecaberto2@dhs.hawaii.gov)

## PROPOSAL MAIL-IN AND DELIVERY INFORMATION SHEET

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:  
ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUIRED**

ALL MAIL-INS SHALL BE POSTMARKED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) NO LATER THAN **May 27, 2015** and received by the state purchasing agency no later than 10 days from the submittal deadline.

**All Mail-ins**

State of Hawaii  
Department of Human  
Services  
Office of Youth Services  
707 Richards Street, Suite 525  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RFP COORDINATOR**

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ALL HAND DELIVERIES SHALL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FOLLOWING SITES UNTIL  
**4:30 P.M., Hawaii Standard Time (HST), Wednesday, May 27, 2015.**

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES  
707 RICHARDS STREET, SUITE 525  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813**

**BE ADVISED:**

Deliveries by private mail services such as FEDEX or UPS shall be considered hand deliveries. Hand deliveries shall not be accepted if received after 4:30 p.m., **Wednesday, May 27, 2015.**

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# **Section 1**

## **Administrative Overview**

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## Administrative Overview

**Applicants are encouraged to read each section of the RFP thoroughly. While sections such as the administrative overview may appear similar among RFPs, state purchasing agencies may add additional information as applicable. It is the responsibility of the applicant to understand the requirements of *each* RFP.**

### 1.1 Procurement Timetable

**Note that the procurement timetable represents the State's best estimated schedule. If an activity on this schedule is delayed, the rest of the schedule will likely be shifted by the same number of days. Contract start dates may be subject to the issuance of a notice to proceed.**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Scheduled Date</u>
Public notice announcing Request for Proposals (RFP)	04/17/2015
Distribution of RFP	04/17/2015
RFP orientation session	04/29/2015
Closing date for submission of written questions for written responses	05/06/2015
State purchasing agency's response to applicants' written questions	05/13/2015
Discussions with applicant prior to proposal submittal deadline (optional)	
Proposal submittal deadline	05/27/2015
Discussions with applicant after proposal submittal deadline (optional)	
Final revised proposals (optional)	
Proposal evaluation period	06/2015
Provider selection	06/2015-07/2015
Notice of statement of findings and decision	06/2015-07/2015
Contract start date	10/01/2015



## 1.2 Website Reference

Item	Website
1 Procurement of Health and Human Services	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/methods-of-procurement/health-human-services/competitive-purchase-of-services-procurement-method/cost-principles-table-hrs-chapter-103f-2/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/methods-of-procurement/health-human-services/competitive-purchase-of-services-procurement-method/cost-principles-table-hrs-chapter-103f-2/</a>
2 RFP website	<a href="http://hawaii.gov/spo2/health/rfp103f/">http://hawaii.gov/spo2/health/rfp103f/</a>
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) for Purchases of Health and Human Services	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Click on the “References” tab.
4 General Conditions, AG-103F13	<a href="http://hawaii.gov/forms/internal/department-of-the-attorney-general/ag-103f13-1/view">http://hawaii.gov/forms/internal/department-of-the-attorney-general/ag-103f13-1/view</a>
5 Forms	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Click on the “Forms” tab.
6 Cost Principles	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Search: Keywords “Cost Principles”
7 Protest Forms/Procedures	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/protests-for-health-and-human-services/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/protests-for-health-and-human-services/</a>
8 Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE)	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/hce/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/hce/</a>
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes	<a href="http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent">http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent</a>
10 Department of Taxation	<a href="http://tax.hawaii.gov">http://tax.hawaii.gov</a>
11 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	<a href="http://labor.hawaii.gov">http://labor.hawaii.gov</a>
12 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration	<a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov">http://cca.hawaii.gov</a> click “Business Registration”
13 Campaign Spending Commission	<a href="http://ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/">http://ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/</a>
14 Internal Revenue Service	<a href="http://www.irs.gov/">http://www.irs.gov/</a>
<b>(Please note: website addresses may change from time to time. If a State link is not active, try the State of Hawaii website at <a href="http://hawaii.gov">http://hawaii.gov</a>)</b>	

## 1.3 Authority

This RFP is issued under the provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 103F and its administrative rules. All prospective applicants are charged with presumptive knowledge of all requirements of the cited authorities. Submission of a valid executed proposal by any prospective applicant shall constitute admission of such knowledge on the part of such prospective applicant.

## 1.4 RFP Organization

This RFP is organized into five sections:

**Section 1, Administrative Overview:** Provides applicants with an overview of the procurement process.

**Section 2, Service Specifications:** Provides applicants with a general description of the tasks to be performed, delineates provider responsibilities, and defines deliverables (as applicable).

**Section 3, Proposal Application Instructions:** Describes the required format and content for the proposal application.

**Section 4, Proposal Evaluation:** Describes how proposals will be evaluated by the state purchasing agency.

**Section 5, Attachments:** Provides applicants with information and forms necessary to complete the application.

## 1.5 Contracting Office

The Contracting Office is responsible for overseeing the contract(s) resulting from this RFP, including system operations, fiscal agent operations, and monitoring and assessing provider performance. The Contracting Office is:

Department of Human Services  
Office of Youth Services  
707 Richards Street, Suite 525  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: (808) 587-5700  
Fax: (808) 587-5734

## 1.6 RFP Point-of-Contact

From the release date of this RFP until the selection of the successful provider(s), any inquiries and requests shall be directed to the sole point-of-contact identified below.

Edralyn Caberto  
Children & Youth Program Specialist  
Phone: (808) 587-5725  
Email: [ecaberto2@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:ecaberto2@dhs.hawaii.gov)

## 1.7 Orientation

An orientation for applicants in reference to the request for proposals will be held as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 **Time** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** **Oahu** **Kalanimoku Bldg.**  
**1151 Punchbowl Street**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Hawaii** **Hilo State Office Building**  
**75 Aupuni Street**  
**Hilo, Hawaii**

**Kauai** **Lihue State Office Building**  
**3060 Eiwa Street**  
**Lihue, Hawaii**

Applicants are encouraged to submit written questions prior to the orientation. Impromptu questions will be permitted at the orientation and spontaneous answers provided at the state purchasing agency's discretion. However, answers provided at the orientation are only intended as general direction and may not represent the state purchasing agency's position. Formal official responses will be provided in writing. To ensure a written response, any oral questions should be submitted in writing following the close of the orientation, but no later than the submittal deadline for written questions indicated in the subsection 1.8, Submission of Questions.

## 1.8 Submission of Questions

Applicants may submit questions to the RFP point-of-contact identified in Section 1.6. Written questions should be received by the date and time specified in Section 1.1 Procurement Timetable. The purchasing agency will respond to written questions by way of an addendum to the RFP.

Deadline for submission of written questions:

**Date:** May 6, 2015 **Time:** 4:30 pm **HST**

State agency responses to applicant written questions will be provided by:

**Date:** May 13, 2015

## 1.9 Submission of Proposals

- A. **Forms/Formats** - Forms, with the exception of program specific requirements, may be found on the State Procurement Office website referred to in Section 1.2, Website Reference. Refer to the Section 5, Proposal Application Checklist for the location of program specific forms.

1. **Proposal Application Identification (Form SPOH-200).** Provides applicant proposal identification.
  2. **Proposal Application Checklist.** The checklist provides applicants specific program requirements, reference and location of required RFP proposal forms, and the order in which all proposal components should be collated and submitted to the state purchasing agency.
  3. **Table of Contents.** A sample table of contents for proposals is located in Section 5, Attachments. This is a sample and meant as a guide. The table of contents may vary depending on the RFP.
  4. **Proposal Application (Form SPOH-200A).** Applicant shall submit comprehensive narratives that address all proposal requirements specified in Section 3, Proposal Application Instructions, including a cost proposal/budget, if required.
- B. **Program Specific Requirements.** Program specific requirements are included in Sections 2 and 3, as applicable. Required Federal and/or State certifications are listed on the Proposal Application Checklist in Section 5.
- C. **Multiple or Alternate Proposals.** Multiple or alternate proposals shall not be accepted unless specifically provided for in Section 2. In the event alternate proposals are not accepted and an applicant submits alternate proposals, but clearly indicates a primary proposal, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only proposal submitted by the applicant.
- D. **Provider Compliance.** All providers shall comply with all laws governing entities doing business in the State.
- **Tax Clearance.** Pursuant to HRS §103-53, as a prerequisite to entering into contracts of \$25,000 or more, providers are required to have a tax clearance from the Hawaii State Department of Taxation (DOTAX) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DOTAX and IRS website address.
  - **Labor Law Compliance.** Pursuant to HRS §103-55, providers shall be in compliance with all applicable laws of the federal and state governments relating to workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, payment of wages, and safety. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) website address.
  - **Business Registration.** Prior to contracting, owners of all forms of business doing business in the state except sole proprietorships, charitable organizations, unincorporated associations and foreign insurance companies shall be registered and in good standing with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Business Registration Division. Foreign insurance companies must register with DCCA, Insurance Division. More information is on the DCCA website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DCCA website address.

Providers may register with Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) for online compliance verification from the DOTAX, IRS, DLIR, and DCCA. There is a nominal annual registration fee (currently \$12) for the service. The HCE's online "Certificate of Vendor Compliance" provides the registered provider's current compliance status as of the issuance date, and is accepted for both contracting and final payment purposes. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference, for HCE's website address.

Providers not utilizing the HCE to demonstrate compliance shall provide paper certificates to the purchasing agency. All applications for applicable clearances are the responsibility of the providers. All certificates must be valid on the date it is received by the purchasing agency. The tax clearance certificate shall have an original green certified copy stamp and shall be valid for six months from the most recent approval stamp date on the certificate. The DLIR certificate is valid for six months from the date of issue. The DCCA certificate of good standing is valid for six months from date of issue.

- E. **Wages Law Compliance.** If applicable, by submitting a proposal, the applicant certifies that the applicant is in compliance with HRS §103-55, Wages, hours, and working conditions of employees of contractors performing services. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and DLIR website address.
- F. **Campaign Contributions by State and County Contractors.** HRS §11-355 prohibits campaign contributions from certain State or county government contractors during the term of the contract if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by a legislative body. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and Campaign Spending Commission website address.
- G. **Confidential Information.** If an applicant believes any portion of a proposal contains information that should be withheld as confidential, the applicant shall request in writing nondisclosure of designated proprietary data to be confidential and provide justification to support confidentiality. Such data shall accompany the proposal, be clearly marked, and shall be readily separable from the proposal to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

***Note that price is not considered confidential and will not be withheld.***

- H. **Proposal Submittal.** All mail-ins shall be postmarked by the United States Postal System (USPS) and received by the State purchasing agency no later than the submittal deadline indicated on the attached Proposal Mail-in and Delivery Information Sheet, or as amended. All hand deliveries shall be received by the State purchasing agency by the date and time designated on the Proposal Mail-In and Delivery Information Sheet, or as amended. Proposals shall be rejected when:
  - 1. Postmarked after the designated date; or
  - 2. Postmarked by the designated date but not received within 10 days from the submittal deadline; or
  - 3. If hand delivered, received after the designated date and time.

The number of copies required is located on the Proposal Mail-In and Delivery Information Sheet. Deliveries by private mail services such as FEDEX shall be considered hand deliveries and shall be rejected if received after the submittal deadline. Dated USPS shipping labels are not considered postmarks.

Faxed proposals and/or submission of proposals on diskette/CD or transmission by e-mail, website or other electronic means is not permitted.

## **1.10 Discussions with Applicants**

- A. **Prior to Submittal Deadline.** Discussions may be conducted with potential applicants to promote understanding of the purchasing agency's requirements.
- B. **After Proposal Submittal Deadline.** Discussions may be conducted with applicants whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, but proposals may be accepted without discussions, in accordance with HAR §3-143-403.

## **1.11 Opening of Proposals**

Upon the state purchasing agency's receipt of a proposal at a designated location, proposals, modifications to proposals, and withdrawals of proposals shall be date-stamped, and when possible, time-stamped. All documents so received shall be held in a secure place by the state purchasing agency and not examined for evaluation purposes until the submittal deadline.

Procurement files shall be open to public inspection after a contract has been awarded and executed by all parties.

## **1.12 Additional Materials and Documentation**

Upon request from the state purchasing agency, each applicant shall submit additional materials and documentation reasonably required by the state purchasing agency in its evaluation of the proposals.

## **1.13 RFP Amendments**

The State reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time prior to the closing date for final revised proposals.

## **1.14 Final Revised Proposals**

If requested, final revised proposals shall be submitted in the manner and by the date and time specified by the state purchasing agency. If a final revised proposal is not submitted, the previous submittal shall be construed as the applicant's final revised proposal. *The applicant shall submit **only** the section(s) of the proposal that are amended, along with the Proposal Application Identification Form (SPOH-200).* After final revised proposals are received, final evaluations will be conducted for an award.

## **1.15 Cancellation of Request for Proposal**

The RFP may be canceled and any or all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when it is determined to be in the best interest of the State.

## **1.16 Costs for Proposal Preparation**

Any costs incurred by applicants in preparing or submitting a proposal are the applicants' sole responsibility.

## **1.17 Provider Participation in Planning**

Provider(s), awarded a contract resulting from this RFP,

☐ are required

☒ are not required

to participate in the purchasing agency's future development of a service delivery plan pursuant to HRS §103F-203.

Provider participation in a state purchasing agency's efforts to plan for or to purchase health and human services prior to the release of a RFP, including the sharing of information on community needs, best practices, and providers' resources, shall not disqualify providers from submitting proposals, if conducted in accordance with HAR §§3-142-202 and 3-142-203.

## **1.18 Rejection of Proposals**

The State reserves the right to consider as acceptable only those proposals submitted in accordance with all requirements set forth in this RFP and which demonstrate an understanding of the problems involved and comply with the service specifications. Any proposal offering any other set of terms and conditions contradictory to those included in this RFP may be rejected without further notice.

A proposal may be automatically rejected for any one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) Rejection for failure to cooperate or deal in good faith. (HAR §3-141-201)
- (2) Rejection for inadequate accounting system. (HAR §3-141-202)
- (3) Late proposals (HAR §3-143-603)
- (4) Inadequate response to request for proposals (HAR §3-143-609)
- (5) Proposal not responsive (HAR §3-143-610(a)(1))
- (6) Applicant not responsible (HAR §3-143-610(a)(2))

## **1.19 Notice of Award**

A statement of findings and decision shall be provided to each responsive and responsible applicant by mail upon completion of the evaluation of competitive purchase of service proposals.

Any agreement arising out of this solicitation is subject to the approval of the Department of the Attorney General as to form, and to all further approvals, including the approval of the Governor, required by statute, regulation, rule, order or other directive.

No work is to be undertaken by the provider(s) awarded a contract prior to the contract commencement date. The State of Hawaii is not liable for any costs incurred prior to the official starting date.

## **1.20 Protests**

Pursuant to HRS §103F-501 and HAR Chapter 148, an applicant aggrieved by an award of a contract may file a protest. The Notice of Protest form, SPOH-801, and related forms are available on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for website address. Only the following matters may be protested:

- (1) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow procedures established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow any rule established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow any procedure, requirement, or evaluation criterion in a request for proposals issued by the state purchasing agency.

The Notice of Protest shall be postmarked by USPS or hand delivered to 1) the head of the state purchasing agency conducting the protested procurement and 2) the procurement officer who is conducting the procurement (as indicated below) within five working days of the postmark of the Notice of Findings and Decision sent to the protestor. Delivery services other than USPS shall be considered hand deliveries and considered submitted on the date of actual receipt by the state purchasing agency.

<b>Head of State Purchasing Agency</b>	<b>Procurement Officer</b>
Name: David Hipp	Name: Merton Chinen
Title: Executive Director	Title: Program Development Officer
Mailing Address: 707 Richards Street, Suite 525 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813	Mailing Address: 707 Richards Street, Suite 525 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Business Address: Same	Business Address: Same

## **1.21 Availability of Funds**

The award of a contract and any allowed renewal or extension thereof, is subject to allotments made by the Director of Finance, State of Hawaii, pursuant to HRS Chapter 37, and subject to the availability of State and/or Federal funds.



## **1.22 General and Special Conditions of Contract**

The general conditions that will be imposed contractually are on the SPO website. Special conditions may also be imposed contractually by the state purchasing agency, as deemed necessary

## **1.23 Cost Principles**

To promote uniform purchasing practices among state purchasing agencies procuring health and human services under HRS Chapter 103F, state purchasing agencies will utilize standard cost principles as outlined on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2 Website Reference for website address. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an exemption from any cost principle arising under federal law.